

**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD
OF
SOUTHERN ARIZONA COMMUNITY ACADEMY, INC.**

A special meeting was called to order by Abelardo Cubillas, on October 10, 2013 .
The meeting was called to order at 3:08 PM. Those present were:

Mr. Abelardo Cubillas, Jr., Board Chair
Mr. Enrique Gonzales
Mr. Louis Hollingsworth—Participated Via Telephone

Mr. Cubillas informed the board that the annual audit took place during the week of September 16, 2013. An Auditing team from Hansen, Barnett & Maxwell of Salt Lake City, Utah, spent the week with our business managers in Phoenix. They conducted the building audit on Thursday, September 19, 2013. A copy of the preliminary report should be ready by next week.

The date for parent conferences was moved from October 17, to October 29, 2013. The main reason for the change was to allow teachers more time to focus on AIMS preparation. Mr. Cubillas stated that after the test, people will hopefully be more relaxed. Teachers will encourage students to accompany their parents to come and meet the staff and ask questions regarding academic progress in all classes.

Mrs. Annie Carpenter, gave the dates for the fall 2013 AIMS High School test as follows:

Writing – Tuesday, October 22, 2012

Reading – Wednesday, October 23, 2012

Mathematics – Thursday, October 24, 2012

All the tests begin a 9:00am. As usual, we have several students that will be re-testing with the majority being new students to SACA. All students have the opportunity to take AIMS preparation courses.

Mr. Cubillas reported that after consulting with the business managers, it was decided to re-bid the health insurance policy. He stated that the three oldest employees which are usually the most expensive, are no longer on the policy. Two are on Medicare and the other retired early and is being covered by his wife's insurance. He said that the present insurance carrier, United Health Care, refuses to make the adjustment for next year.

Mrs. Carpenter informed the Board that The Arizona Department of Education is piloting a program that would allow commodities to be delivered directly to the caterer. In the past all US foods would have to be delivered to the school and then transferred to the caterer. The Pima County Health Department has a problem with this method of delivery because there is always food included in the deliveries that needs to be refrigerated immediately. The schools appealed to the State Department and the State Department agreed to change the deliveries to the caterer

as long as there is a school representative present to accept the delivery. SACA is the only charter school in Tucson participating in the pilot program. Mrs. Carpenter or Mr. Cubillas will be present at the caterer when deliveries are made.

Finding a special education teacher has been a difficult task, reported Mr. Cubillas. Several applicants have been offered the position, but either they had already accepted another position or they decided to do something other than teaching. Other applicants were not compatible with SACA and its philosophy. Apparently there is a shortage of special education teachers. However, this shortage has prompted retired teachers to enter the job market again. Maybe soon we can find someone with experience and with enough energy.

Mr. Cubillas reviewed the Annual Financial Report for the 2013 school year with the Board.

After full and complete discussion on a motion made and seconded it was unanimously

RESOLVED, that Southern Arizona Community Academy
Certify the Annual Financial Report for the 2012-2013 School Year.

Mrs. Annie Carpenter gave a thorough presentation on the application for SACA Online (AOI) instruction. The Board was satisfied with the answers to their questions and was very optimistic about the success of the program.

After full and complete discussion on a motion made and seconded it was unanimously

RESOLVED, that Southern Arizona Community Academy
Submit an application to add an Online (AOI) school.

There were no comments made during Call to the Public.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Directors the meeting was adjourned at 4:35 PM.

MINUTES APPROVED


President